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District Man Sentenced to 14 Years in Prison For November 2007 Killing in Southwest Washington

WASHINGTON - James Paylor, 20, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today to 14 years of incarceration in connection with the November 2007 shooting death of another man in Southwest Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Paylor pled guilty in February 2011 to voluntary manslaughter while armed. He was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Lynn Leibovitz.

At the plea hearing, Paylor admitted that, during the evening of November 30, 2007, he saw the decedent, Darrell Shepperd, 24, walking from a store in the 1500 block of First Street SW. He walked up to Shepperd and shot him once in the stomach before fleeing. Shepperd was pronounced dead on the scene.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the efforts of those who worked on the case from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), including Detectives William Xanten, Milton Norris, and Don Juan Monroe, along with Mobile Crime Officer Tony Nwani. He also commended Paralegal Specialist Kelly Margaret Blakeney and Victim Witness Advocate Marcey Rinker. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles W. Cobb, who investigated and prosecuted the case.